GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:132
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GROWTH RATE IN TENTH PLAN
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated a strategy to ensure the growth rate of 12 per cent for the small scale industry during the Tenth Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the targeted growth rate for SSI sector during the Ninth Plan period has been achieved;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the jobs created through it; and

(e) if not, the reasons for lower growth rate?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (D THAKUR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) IN RESPECT OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. FOR REPLY ON 26TH FEBRUARY, 2003

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Taking into consideration the higher potential for growth in the Small Scale Industries (SSI) Sector interms of output, employment and exports, the strategy for Tenth Plan is to strengthen the sector to enable it to remain competitive in market-led economy and generate additional jobs. For achieving these objectives, the SSI sector would be providedproper and timely inputs like :

1. Adequate credit/loans from financial institutions/banks.

2. Funds for technology upgradation and modernisation.

3. Adequate infrastructure facilities.

4. Modern testing facilities and quality certification laboratories.

5. Modern management practices and skill upgradation through advanced training facilities.

6. Marketing assistance.

7 Level playing field at par with the organized sector.

Enhanced outlay of Rs. 2584 crore during the Tenth Plan for the SSI Sector as against Rs. 1982 crore in the Ninth Plan would facilitate in supporting the various Plans/Schemes.

(c) to (e): The targets and achievements of production and employment in SSI sector in Ninth Plan are as under :-

Year Terminal year of Ninth Plan	Production (Rs. in crores)		Employment (lakh Nos.)	
	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
2001-02	7,25,000	6,90,316	185	192.23

There is marginal shortfall in the achievement of production target of SSI sector in the Ninth Plan because of over all depressed industrial situation both domestically and globally. However, the target for employment in SSI sector has been fully achieved in the Ninth Plan.